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In re Application of:

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Title: Pharmaceutical Preparation Containing a
Benzimidazole Compound Mixed With
Microcrystalline Cellulose and a Method for its
Preparation

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- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).
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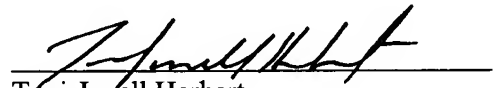
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	AA1	6,096,340	08/2000	Chen et al.			
	AB1						
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	AO1	196 26 045	01/1998	DE			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	AP1						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

AR	<u>1</u>	International Search Report for PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/07741.
AS	<u>1</u>	Examination Report for German Application No. 102 35 475.8.
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